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- 25X1X 1. Between 13 March and 1 April 1948, the following eastbound transports moved through Frankfurt/Oder:

| Date | No. of Cars | Description of Transports |
|----------|-------------|---|
| 13 March | 39 | Cellulose |
| | 42 | Canned food, dehydrated vegetables |
| | 37 | Unspecified (closed cars) |
| | 39 | RR cars, new |
| | 41 | Lumber |
| | 34 | German passenger cars, new, without tires |
| 14 March | 36 | Soap products, candles |
| | 125 | Unspecified (closed cars) |
| | 37 | Iron beams, frames and waste |
| | 41 | RR tank cars, guarded |
| | 41 | Cellulose |
| 15 March | 77 | Unspecified (closed cars) |
| | 42 | Cement mixers, new |
| | 30 | Military personnel, approximately 1000 men |
| | 38 | German automobiles, new |
| | 40 | Unspecified (large wooden boxes) |
| 16 March | 44 | Textiles |
| | 76 | Unspecified (closed cars) |
| | 42 | RR cars, new |
| | 40 | Lumber |
| 17 March | 84 | Unspecified (closed cars) |
| | 38 | Dehydrated vegetables |
| | 41 | Unspecified (including new refrigerator cars) |
| | 29 | Military personnel, approx. 900 |
| | 40 | RR cars, new |
| 18 March | 38 | Iron beams and rails |
| | 75 | Unspecified (closed cars) |
| | 41 | Glassware |
| | 44 | Textiles |
| | 38 | German passenger cars and trucks |
| | 34 | RR tank cars, guarded |

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| <u>Date</u> | <u>No. of Cars</u> | <u>Description of Transports</u> | |
|-------------|--------------------|---|---------------------------|
| 19 March | 150 | Unspecified (closed cars) | |
| | 44 | Macaroni and dehydrated vegetables | |
| | 40 | Machines, crated | |
| | 29 | Military personnel, approx. 750 | |
| 20 March | 79 | Unspecified (closed cars) | |
| | 36 | Unspecified (including refrigerator cars) | |
| | 40 | RR cars, loaded | |
| 21 March | 42 | Machines, new, crated | |
| | 40 | Canned food, dehydrated vegetables | |
| | 67 | Unspecified (closed cars) | |
| | 40 | RR cars, new (loaded) | |
| | 37 | RR tracks | |
| | 34 | Large boxes of unspecified content, and cable drums | |
| 22 March | 101 | Unspecified (closed cars) | |
| | 38 | Textiles | |
| | 39 | Lumber and barracks parts | |
| | 34 | RR ties and scrap iron | |
| | 29 | Military personnel, approx. 1100 | |
| 23 March | 38 | Textiles | |
| | 73 | Unspecified (closed cars) | |
| | 37 | Paper | |
| | 38 | Agricultural machines | |
| | 31 | German automobiles, new | |
| 24 March | 34 | Soap products, candles | |
| | 79 | Unspecified (closed cars) | |
| | 44 | Lumber | |
| | 40 | Iron rails, beams, and masts | |
| | 29 | Military personnel, approx. 900 | |
| 25 March | 37 | Canned food | |
| | 71 | Unspecified (closed cars) | |
| | 41 | Agricultural machines | |
| | 41 | RR tank cars, guarded | |
| | 26 March | 40 | Glassware |
| 44 | | Textiles | |
| 37 | | Unspecified | |
| 40 | | Machine parts | |
| 37 | | Barracks parts | |
| 30 | | Military personnel, approx. 1000 | |
| 37 | | Soap products | |
| 74 | | Unspecified (closed cars) | |
| 27 March | 38 | Lumber | |
| | 40 | Iron masts and frames | |
| | 37 | Construction and cement machines | |
| | 28 March | 120 | Unspecified (closed cars) |
| | | 37 | Agricultural equipment |
| 38 | | RR ties | |
| 29 March | 40 | Unspecified (closed cars) | |
| | 41 | Glassware | |
| | 37 | Canned food, dehydrated vegetables | |
| | 39 | RR tank cars, guarded | |
| | 39 | RR ties | |
| 30 March | 29 | Military transport, approx. 1200 men | |
| | 39 | Glassware and chinaware | |
| | 75 | Unspecified (closed cars) | |
| | 39 | Barracks parts, lumber | |
| | 42 | RR tracks | |
| | 45 | Large machines | |

The military transports were assembled in Frankfurt/Oder and were made up of men going to Russia on furlough.

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2. During the same period, i.e. between 13 March and 1 April, 90 empty trains returned from Russia and passed through Frankfurt/Oder on their way to Germany. In addition, the following westbound transports were observed:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>No. of Cars</u> | <u>Description of Transports</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|---|
| 13 March | 36 | Prisoners of war, approx. 1300 |
| | 30 | Military personnel, approx. 500 men |
| 15 March | 36 | Prisoners of war, approx. 1400 |
| 16 March | 28 | Military transports, approx. 700 men |
| 17 March | 32 | Prisoners of war, approx. 1250 |
| 18 March | 26 | Military transport, approx. 350 men |
| 20 March | 28 | Military transport, approx. 300 men |
| | 32 | Prisoners of war, approx. 1300 |
| 23 March | 38 | Prisoners of war, approx. 1500 |
| | 28 | Military personnel, approx. 500 men |
| 25 March | 29 | Military personnel, approx. 700 |
| 26 March | Approx. 160 | Prisoners of war, approx. 6000 |
| | 28 | Military personnel, approx. 700 |
| 28 March | 36 | Civilian internees, mostly women and children, approx. 1000 persons |
| 29 March | 36 | Prisoners of war, approx. 1400 |
| 30 March | 28 | Military personnel, approx. 350 men |

The military transports consisted of men returning from furlough in Russia.

3. Between 16 March and 1 April, the following eastbound transports moved through Elsterwerda on their way to the border points Forst and Guben:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>No. of Cars</u> | <u>Description of Transports</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 16 March | 18 | Approx. 3000 bicycles, new |
| 17 March | 22 | Agricultural machines, new |
| 19 March | 14 | Large compressors, new |
| | 8 | Sewing machines, new |
| 21 March | 20 | Electro-motors, new |
| | 16 | Agricultural machines, new |
| 22 March | 14 | German locomotives, overhauled |
| 24 March | 16 | Motorcycles, new, approx. 300 |
| 28 March | 10 | Artificial silk and cellulose fabrics |
| | 18 | Machines, crated |

4. Additional transports of interest, passing through Elsterwerda between 16 March and 1 April to points indicated below, are the following:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>No. of Cars</u> | <u>Description of Transports</u> | <u>Destination</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|---|----------------------|
| 16 March | 20 | MVD members to be used in the mining area | Heyerswerda |
| 17 March | 32 | Resettlers from East Prussia to be used for uranium mining operations | Aue |
| 18 March | 22 | Russian dependents, approx. 400 - 500 | Pirna |
| 19 March | 22 | Young soldiers, approx. 500, equipped with weapons and signal equipment | Bodenbach (Podmokly) |
| 21 March | 26 | Russian dependents, approx. 600 | Pirna |
| | 14 | Anti-aircraft detachment, equipped with guns | Klotzsche |
| 22 March | 22 | Airplanes, repaired, approx. 30 | Klotzsche |

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| Date | No. of Cars | Description of Transports | Destination |
|----------|-------------|--|-------------|
| 28 March | 15 | Civilians drafted for mining operations, approx. 250 | Sanftenberg |
| 29 March | 14 | 117D soldiers, approx. 200 | Bautzen |
| 1 April | 32 | Soldiers, equipped with weapons, approx. 500 | Bodenbach |

No large-scale troop transports to Czechoslovakia were observed between 15 March and 1 April; however, an increase in civilian transports was reported. Source himself observed only a few such transports. For further information on troop movements into Czechoslovakia.)

5. Between 17 March and 1 April, the following eastbound transports passed through Zossen on their way to the border point Frankfurt/Oder:

| Date | No. of Cars | Description of Transports |
|----------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| 18 March | 22 | Canned food and other food stuffs |
| 20 March | 18 | Wood constructions and plaster |
| 23 March | 18 | Textiles |
| 26 March | 26 | Russian dependents |
| 29 March | 32 | Russian dependents |
| 29 March | 24 | RR ties and rails |
| | | Wooden houses |

6. In addition, the following transports to the points indicated below were observed passing through Zossen between 17 March and 1 April:

| Date | No. of Cars | Description of Transports | Destination |
|----------|-------------|---|-------------|
| 17 March | 32 | Resettlers from East Prussia | Aue |
| 20 March | 32 | Young soldiers, approx. 500 | Wuensdorf |
| 22 March | 26 | Light rocket projector or mortar section, approx. 30 | Wuensdorf |
| 23 March | 22 | Signal detachment | Wuensdorf |
| 29 March | 38 | Leave train, approx. 300 men (Classes 1915 - 1918) | Pasevalk |
| | 22 | Factory equipment, accompanied by German technicians, presumably from AEG | Cottbus |
| 1 April | 30 | Young soldiers, approx. 1000 | Wuensdorf |

Field exercises have been held on the Wuensdorf troop training grounds since 15 March and 5,000 men are said to be participating. Residents report having seen light mortars and emplacements occupied by Russian machine guns, as well as signal squads. According to Russian soldiers, the training course will last four weeks. Colonel Silshko is said to be in charge.

7. Between 24 March and 5 April, the following transports passed through Kuostin-Kiets on their way to Iasterburg:

| Date | No. of Cars | Description of Transports |
|----------|-------------|--|
| 24 March | 111 | Scrap iron |
| | 105 | Baracks parts |
| | 60 | Lumber |
| 25 March | 55 | Officers, dependents, and such luggage |
| | 105 | Iron tracks, beams, and facts |
| 27 March | 120 | Baracks parts |
| | 55 | Machine parts |
| | 55 | Lumber |
| 28 March | 115 | Scrap iron |
| | 118 | Baracks parts |
| | 55 | Cement |
| 29 March | 118 | Lumber |
| | 110 | Cement |

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| <u>Date</u> | <u>No. of Cars</u> | <u>Description of Transports</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|---|
| 30 March | 57 | Machine parts, iron beams, rails and nests |
| | 60 | Barracks parts |
| 31 March | 115 | Iron parts |
| | 60 | Lumber |
| 1 April | 58 | Cement |
| 2 April | 55 | Scrap iron |
| 3 April | 111 | Iron beams, rails, and nests |
| | 60 | Barracks parts |
| 4 April | 57 | Iron beams, rails, and nests |
| 5 April | 57 | Cement |

During the same period, i.e., between 24 March and 5 April, 32 empty trains returned from Insterburg and passed through Kuestrin-Kietz on their way to Germany. There were also two trains carrying German refugees from East Prussia to Passau.

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